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SUBJECT: MARITIME LAW: QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL RIGHTS FOR  
SURVEY CERTIFICATE

REF: LAGOS 5564

1. THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

A. NIGERIA IS SIGNATORY TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
FOR SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1960, AND THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966. THEREFORE, CERTIFICATES  
ISSUED BY NIGERIA TO VESSELS UNDER ITS FLAG ATTESTING TO  
COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVENTIONS WILL BE  
HONORED BY THE UNITED STATES. NIGERIAN VESSELS WILL NOT BE  
REQUIRED TO UNDERGO SURVEYS OR POSSESS U.S. COAST GUARD  
CERTIFICATES ATTESTING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE CONVENTIONS.  
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B. HOWEVER, ALL FOREIGN-FLAG VESSELS ENTERING U.S. WATERS  
MAY BE BOARDED AND EXAMINED TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO  
INSURE THAT THEY POSSESS VALID INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES  
AND THAT THE VESSELS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
THOSE CERTIFICATES AND WITH APPLICABLE U.S. REGULATIONS  
CONCERNING POLLUTION PREVENTION AND NAVIGATION SAFETY.

C. UNDER PRESENT U.S. LAW AND U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS, THE VESSELS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED AND CERTIFICATED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD:

SWAMP CHIEF - O.N. 561192  
SWAMP MASTER - O.N. 503671  
SWAMP QUEEN - O.N. 526446

ADDITIONALLY, THESE THREE VESSELS ARE CURRENTLY PROPERLY DOCUMENTED UNDER U.S. LAWS AS DRILL BARGES. THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DOCUMENTATION AS SELF-PROPELLED VESSELS.  
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